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NRC OVERSIGHT PANEL TO HOLD TWO MEETINGS ON DAVIS-BESSE REACTOR VESSEL HEAD DAMAGE IN OAK HARBOR, OH

The Nuclear Regulatory Commission staff will hold two meetings on Wednesday, October 16, to review the status and adequacy of recent activities at the Davis-Besse Nuclear Power Station as a result of the corrosion damage to the reactor vessel head. The plant, which has been shut down since February 16, is operated by FirstEnergy Nuclear Operating Company.

Both meetings will be at the Oak Harbor High School Auditorium, 11661 West State Route 163, in Oak Harbor.

The first meeting will begin at 2 p.m. (EDT), when the NRC oversight panel, set up to coordinate the agency's activities associated with the corrosion damage to the reactor vessel head, will meet with utility officials to discuss the status of repairs at the plant and upcoming activities. The public is invited to observe the business portion of the meeting and will have an opportunity to make comments and ask questions of the NRC staff before the meeting is adjourned.

The second meeting will begin at 7 p.m. (EDT) to update the public on NRC's activities related to the reactor vessel head degradation and will provide a summary of the earlier meeting. The public will be invited to ask questions and make comments.

Transcripts of both meetings will be posted on the NRC's web site.

The NRC oversight panel, created on April 29, includes NRC management and staff from its Region III office in Lisle, Illinois, the NRC Headquarters office in Rockville, Maryland, and the NRC Resident Inspector Office at the Davis-Besse site.

Documents on the Davis-Besse corrosion issue, including meeting transcripts and further details on NRC's oversight panel activities, are posted on the NRC's web site at: <http://www.nrc.gov/reactors/operating/ops-experience/vessel-head-degradation.html>.

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